

Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG) Special Notice 06-05

May 8, 2006

Subject	Medi-Cal Changes Due to a Property Change in The Supplemental Security Income Program
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Effective Date	Upon receipt
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Reference	ACWDL 05-28
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Purpose	The purpose of this Special Notice (SN) is to notify staff of changes in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) regulations.
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Impacted Programs	Medi-Cal programs that use SSI property rules are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pickle• Disabled Adult Child• Disabled Widow(er)• 250 Percent Working Disabled Program
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Changes	The following changes are effective April 1, 2005 and apply to the aforementioned Medi-Cal programs that utilize SSI property rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised definitions of Household Goods and Personal Effects• The \$500 resource limit for items of unusual value has been eliminated• All household goods and personal effects are excluded from resources, regardless of their dollar value
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Revised Definitions	The definitions of household goods and personal effects have been revised as follows:
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Term	Definition	Examples
Household Goods	Items of personal property, found in or near the home, that are used on a regular basis; and items needed by the householder for maintenance, use and occupancy of the premises as a home.	Furniture, appliances, electronic equipment, personal computers, television sets, carpets, cooking and eating utensils, and dishes.

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Revised Definitions (continued)

Term	Definition	Examples
Personal Effects	Items of personal property ordinarily worn or carried by the individuals and articles otherwise having an intimate relation to the individual.	Clothing, personal jewelry, wedding and engagement rings, books, musical instruments, items of cultural or religious significance, prosthetic devices, and wheelchairs.

Items acquired or held because of their value or as an investment are not considered household goods or personal effects for purposes of this exclusion.

Required Action

All cases that were erroneously denied or discontinued due to the SSI excess property rules beginning with April 2005 will need to be re-evaluated using the changes outlined in this SN.

An ad hoc of effected cases is attached and a narrative entry documenting the review results must be made in those cases. Erroneous Notices of Action must be rescinded and eligibility and benefits must be restored if otherwise eligible.

Any other cases identified as having been erroneously denied or discontinued due to the SSI property rules must also be reviewed.

Automation Impact

None

Forms Impact

None

QA Impact

Effective with the June 2006 review month, Quality Assurance will cite with the appropriate error any case that does not follow the requirements of this Special Notice.

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